

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 223

By Finney R.

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Dustin Mitchell Gamza,
2007 Valedictorian of Sevier County High
School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Dustin Mitchell Gamza is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2007 graduating class at Sevier County High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Mr. Gamza has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in his remarkable high school career, Dustin Gamza has earned a 4.0 grade point average while participating in several extracurricular organizations, including the National Honor Society, for which he has served as President; American Field Service, for which he served as President; Scholar's Bowl Team, for which he served as Captain; Smoky Mountain Youth Leadership; the school's Jazz Band; Walters State Jazz Band; Symphonic Band; Marching Band; the Junior Classical League, for which he served as Vice President; and Students Against Destructive Decisions; and

WHEREAS, a civic leader despite his young age, he has dedicated his time and energies to tutoring a class of fifth-graders for ninety hours and renovating an orphanage game room; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to honors and accolades, Mr. Gamza has attended Harvard Summer School; earned the senior superlative of "Most Intellectual"; received the Super Sevierian Award, the Honors Biology Award, the Combined Studies Award, and the Wellness Award, acted in a Tennessee State Board of Education commercial, and earned the First Chair

Red Band at the All-East Jazz Clinic and the Second Chair White Band at the All-East Clinic;
and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gamza's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well
for his future success; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gamza's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for
his father, Steve Gamza, his school, and his community; and

WHEREAS, Dustin Gamza's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect,
admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL
ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and honor the 2007 Sevier County High School
Valedictorian, Dustin Mitchell Gamza, on his impressive academic achievement and extend to
him our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared
for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.